

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

RONALD GERALD, #292226

Petitioner

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v.

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Civil Action No. CCB-05-1694

RODERICK SOWERS, et al.

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Respondents

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**MEMORANDUM**

Petitioner pro se Ronald Gerald, a state prisoner incarcerated at the Roxbury Correctional Institution, filed this *pro se* petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254 challenging his convictions in 2000 for robbery with a deadly weapon and other offenses in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. This petition represents his third successive challenge to his convictions and sentence. See Civil Actions CCB-05-214 (D. Md. 2005); CCB-04-4032 (D. Md. 2005); CCB-04-1337 (D. Md. 2004).

Absent authorization from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, this court is without jurisdiction to consider a second or successive 28 U.S.C. §2254 petition for habeas relief.<sup>1</sup> See §2244(b)(3)(A); In re Vial, 115 F.3d 1192, 1197-98 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997) (*en banc*). Petitioner has not obtained this authorization. Consequently, the petition will be dismissed without prejudice. An order consistent with this memorandum follows.

June 28, 2005

Date

/s/

Catherine C. Blake

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<sup>1</sup>Fourth Circuit recently denied petitioner's motion for authorization to file a successive application in his second challenge to his 2000 convictions and sentence. See Civil Action CCB-05-214 (D. Md. 2005), Paper No. 5.

United States District Judge